This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A program-module update system, a program module being a section of computer-executable instructions, the system comprising:

a determination unit for determining whether a hardware-specific program module is an updated program module, implemented in response to detection of a hardware device; and

a source-redirection unit for specifying a source locus for a program module determined to be an updated program module by the determination unit.

Claim 2 (Original): A system as recited in claim 1 further comprising a list generator for providing a list of hardware-specific program modules, wherein the determination unit determines whether a module listed in such list is an updated module.

Claim 3 (Original): A system as recited in claim 1 further comprising a program-module copier for copying a hardware-specific program module from the specified source locus to a target locus.

Claim 4 (Original): A system as recited in claim 1, wherein the source locus is on a non-removable storage medium.

Claim 5 (Original): A system as recited in claim 1, wherein the source locus is on a removable storage medium.

Claim 6 (Original): A system as recited in claim 1, wherein the source locus is on a storage medium remotely connected to the program-module update system via a network.

Claim 7 (Original): A software installation application comprising a program-module update system as recited in claim 1.

Claim 8 (Original): An operating system update application comprising a program-module update system as recited in claim 1.

Claim 9 (Original): An operating system comprising a program-module update system as recited in claim 1.

Claim 10 (Currently amended): A program-module update system, a program module being a section of computer-executable instructions, the system comprising:

a source-redirection unit for specifying a source locus for a hardware-specific program module to be copied to a target locus, implemented in response to detection of a hardware device; and

a program-module copier for copying the program module from the specified source locus to the target locus.

Claim 11 (Original): A system as recited in claim 10 further comprising a determination unit for determining whether a hardware-specific program module is an updated program module so that the source-redirection unit specifies a locus for modules determined to be an updated module by the determination unit.

Claim 12 (Original): A system as recited in claim 10, wherein the source locus is on a non-removable storage medium.

Claim 13 (Original): A system as recited in claim 10, wherein the source locus is on a removable storage medium.

Claim 14 (Original): A system as recited in claim 10, wherein the source locus is on a storage medium remotely connected to the program-module update system via a network.

Claim 15 (Original): A software installation application comprising a program-module update system as recited in claim 10.

Claim 16 (Original): An operating system comprising a program-module update system as recited in claim 10.

Claim 17 (Currently amended): A method of updating a program module, a program module being a section of computer-executable instructions, the method comprising:

determining whether a hardware-specific program module is an updated program module implemented in response to detection of a hardware device; and

specifying a source locus for a program module determined to be an updated program module by the determining.

Claim 18 (Currently amended): A method as recited in claim 17 further comprising:

generating a list of hardware-specific program modules; and

providing such list to the determining.

Claim 19 (Original): A method as recited in claim 17 further comprising copying a hardware-specific program module from the source locus specified by the specifying to a target locus.

Claim 20 (Original): A method as recited in claim 17, wherein the source locus is on a non-removable storage medium.

Claim 21 (Original): A method as recited in claim 17, wherein the source locus is on a removable storage medium.

Claim 22 (Original): A method as recited in claim 17, wherein the source locus is on a storage medium remotely connected via a network.

Claim 23 (Original): A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions that, when executed by a computer, performs the method as recited in claim 17.

Claim 24 (Currently amended): A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions that, when executed by a computer, perform a method of updating program modules, a program module being a section of computer-executable instructions, the method comprising:

detecting a hardware device;

determining whether a hardware-specific program module is an updated program module; and

specifying a source locus for a program module determined to be an updated program module by the determining.

Claim 25 (Currently amended): A modulated signal updating a program module, a program module being a section of computer-executable instructions, the modulated signal generated in accordance with the following acts:

detecting a hardware device;

determining whether a hardware-specific program module is an updated program module; and

specifying a source locus for a program module determined to be an updated program module by the determining.

Claim 26 (Currently amended): A method of updating a program module, a program module being a section of computer-executable instructions, the method comprising:

detecting a hardware device;

obtaining a list of program-module data structures, each data structure being associated with a hardware-specific program module and identifying a source locus where the associated module is stored;

examining such list;

determining whether a program module associated with a data structure is an updated program module; and

modifying the data structure associated with a program module determined to be an updated program module by the determining so that a new source locus is identified in the associated data structure.

Claim 27 (Original): A method as recited in claim 26 further comprising copying a hardware-specific program module from the source locus identified in the data structure associated with the program module to a target locus.

Claim 28 (Original): A method as recited in claim 26, wherein the source locus identified in a data structure associated with a program module is on a non-removable storage medium.

Claim 29 (Original): A method as recited in claim 26, wherein the source locus identified in a data structure associated with a program module is on a removable storage medium.

Claim 30 (Original): A method as recited in claim 26, wherein the source locus identified in a data structure associated with a program module is on a storage medium remotely connected via a network.

Claim 31 (Original): A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions that, when executed by a computer, performs the method as recited in claim 26.